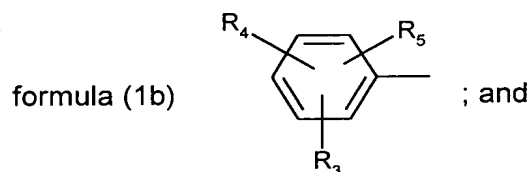
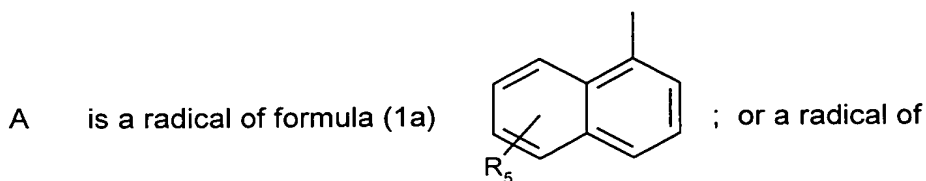
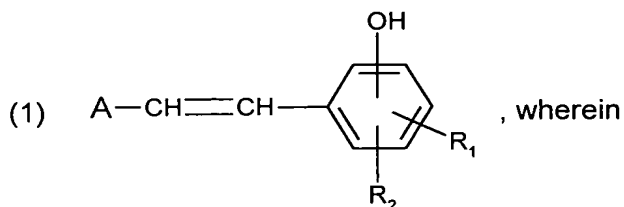


Abstract of the Disclosure

The use of hydroxystilbene compounds of formula



$R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are each independently of the others hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{16}$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{16}$ alkoxy, phenyl;  $C_1$ - $C_3$ phenylalkyl;  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$ aryloxy, amino, mono- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylamino, di- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylamino, or  $-NO_2$ ; as microbicidal active ingredients is described.

The compounds exhibit a pronounced action against pathogenic gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, and also against yeasts and moulds. They are therefore suitable for the antimicrobial treatment, especially the preservation and disinfection, of surfaces.